

## A fresh pour: Sonoma County's Dry Creek Valley wines offer complex taste profiles

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### ANALYSIS/OPINION:

California's Sonoma County certainly doesn't lack for wineries, and oenophiles are finding even more to love in the microclimate of Sonoma's Dry Creek Valley, where vintners are producing more and more complex vinos to add to the delicacy that is the Golden State's grape-based golden harvest. But wine is nothing new to the Dry Creek Valley, as winemakers are culling from, in some cases, wines planted over a century ago.

There are as many wines in Dry Creek Valley as there are ways to enjoy them, but here are a few to keep an eye out for as you either travel through the cradle of Northern California's wine paradise or while shopping for your weekend dinner party:

**Ridge Lytton Estate Rose 2016**, a "field blend" of Mataro and Grenache, is oaky on the nose and boasts a bit of an acidic taste. This winery out of scenic Healdsburg, California, was the first to have its own wine club, and the Rose 2016 was released to coincide with the 40th anniversary of that particular endeavor.

**Sbragia Home Ranch Sauvignon Blanc 2016 Dry Creek Valley** is sprightly and dry, and would pair well with spicy fish or even apple pie (trust me).

For something a little bit different, try out the **Kokomo Grenache 2014** appellation, which is lovely and complex on the tongue and boasts a peppery profile. This particular vintage was named after the vintner's hometown in Indiana, and would excellently complement a tomato dish.

**Seghesio 2014 Cortina Zinfandel**, which picked up an incredible 94 points from Wine Spectator, should righteously be paired with a New York strip steak. And, at \$40 a bottle, it's a relative bargain for the complexity found within the bottle.

*To learn more about Dry Creek Valley wines, visit [DryCreekValley.org](http://DryCreekValley.org).*

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